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Q&A No. 1

Invitation to Bids (IFB) No. DHCD-17-01 LEAD PAINT RISK ASSESSMENT AND INSPECTION SERVICES

The following questions regarding the subject IFB have been submitted. The answers provided by DHCD are intended to clarify the IFB's requirements and ***do not*** constitute an amendment.

Vendor Question	DHCD Answer
1. Will each company and/or individual be required to have a Radioactive Material License?	Follow 2012 Standards.
2. Will companies and/or individuals be able to borrow or rent XRF devices?	Follow 2012 Standards.
3. Will companies that own XRF devices have to submit their state mandated radioactive program and facility info?	The question is not clear. DHCD expects a Risk Assessment that complies with HUD guidelines as laid out in Chapter 7.
4. What are the specific insurance requirements?	Follow 2012 Standards.
5. Can you give the historic numbers for each item being bid and their locations? 2013,2014,2015	There is not a current contract. The previous contract was with ARC Environmental, Inc. The start/effective date was 10/23/2013 and end/term date was 07/31/2016. Compensation was award at a not to exceed amount of \$25,000.00
6. Is there currently an existing contract? And if yes, with whom?	There is not a current contract. The previous contract was with ARC Environmental, Inc. The start/effective date was 10/23/2013 and end/term date was 07/31/2016. Compensation was award at a not to exceed amount of \$25,000.00
7. Section E. 3 – each sample shall consist of eight subsamples. (or max of 8?)	DHCD depends on the expertise of the Risk Assessor to follow HUD Chapter 7 guidelines in arriving at a final Risk Assessment
8. Where do I find the eMM number?	This solicitation is attached and is also available on eMaryland Marketplace < https://emaryland.buyspeed.com/bso/login.sdo > under Open Market Bid *MDS0031027908*. From the home page, vendors can log into an existing account or register as a new user. For questions on how to navigate the site, call (410) 767-1492 or email dgs.emaryland@maryland.gov .
9. What defines all counties except eastern shore/ eastern shore counties?	DHCD depends on the expertise of the Risk Assessor to follow HUD Chapter 7 guidelines in arriving at a final Risk Assessment
10. There is a reference to HUD 1997-chapter 7. The current is 2012. Is this a typo?	Follow 2012 Standards. Version number used was an oversight.



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11. The minimum qualifications sections states that the offeror shall be licensed by MDE as a Lead Paint Risk Assessor and Lead Paint Inspection Technician. The scope of work states that risk assessments shall be conducted by MDE accredited Lead Paint Risk Assessors or Lead Paint Inspection Technicians. However, Maryland law precludes a Technician from doing a lead risk assessment. They can only do XRF analysis of paint, paint chip testing, and dust wipe clearance sampling.	The scope of work reflected in B. Risk Assessments is resolved by deleting the "or Lead Paint Inspector Technician" from the minimum qualifications section. Inspections may be conducted by the Inspector Technician or the Risk Assessor.
12. The instruction direct for the enveloped to the marked in the lower left or right hand corner "IFB No. DHCD 16-11; Must be Opened by Addressee Only" however, the IFB is listed as DHCD – 17-01. Can DHCD provide clarification?	See updated page, referencing IFB No. DHCD-17-01
13. The Scope of Work, Item A and elsewhere cite to the 1997 version HUD Chapter 7. Will DHCD require the Contractor to perform in accordance with this outdated Documented Methodology or will the Contactor be held to the 2012 standards? Can DHCD provide clarification?	Follow 2012 Standards.
14. The Scope of Work, Item A.2 and elsewhere cite to the XRF analyzer and operating in accordance with the manufacturer's Performance Characteristic Sheet (PCS). In accordance with HUD Chapter, is DHCD enforcing that failure to follow the PCS makes all paint testing invalid and require the work to be redone? Can DHCD provide clarification that all sections of the PCS must be followed, including but not limited to Evaluating the Quality of XRF Testing?	DHCD depends on the expertise of the Risk Assessor to follow HUD Chapter 7 guidelines in arriving at a final Risk Assessment
15. The Scope of Work, Item B and elsewhere cite to the 1995 version HUD Chapter 5. Will DHCD require the Contractor to perform in accordance with this outdated Documented Methodology or will the Contactor be held to the 2012 standards? Can DHCD provide clarification?	Follow 2012 Standards
16. The Scope of Work, Item B suggests that the Risk Assessor may be limited to the collection of four single dust samples. If in the opinion of the Risk Assessor, four wipes will not adequate analyze the Property can they obtain the necessary samples? Can DHCD provide clarification?	DHCD depends on the expertise of the Risk Assessor to follow HUD Chapter 7 guidelines in arriving at a final Risk Assessment
17. Are soil samples required in each Risk Assessment regardless of Bare Soil conditions? The Scope of Work Item C suggests that baseline soil sampling would have occurred in order to have comparative results for Clearance purposes. Can DHCD provide clarification?	DHCD depends on the expertise of the Risk Assessor to follow HUD Chapter 7 guidelines in arriving at a final Risk Assessment



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18. Will DHCD require the Contractor to submit soil-lead spikes at the rate of 1 for 20? Can DHCD provide clarification?	DHCD depends on the expertise of the Risk Assessor to follow HUD Chapter 7 guidelines in arriving at a final Risk Assessment
19. Will DHCD require the Contractor to submit dust-lead spikes and blanks at the rate of 1 for 20? Can DHCD provide clarification?	DHCD depends on the expertise of the Risk Assessor to follow HUD Chapter 7 guidelines in arriving at a final Risk Assessment
20. Will DHCD require the Contractor to submit paint-lead spikes at the rate of 1 for 20? Can DHCD provide clarification?	DHCD depends on the expertise of the Risk Assessor to follow HUD Chapter 7 guidelines in arriving at a final Risk Assessment
21. Will this Contract involve Properties previous inspected or risk assessed under the prior Contract? If Yes, will the 2016 Contractor be able to retest or reevaluate the prior work for 40 CFR Part 745.227(a)(3) compliance including but not limited to 2012 HUD Documented Methodology?	No.

